

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 16, and 17, as amended, are pending herein, with non-elected claims 2 and 11 being withdrawn from further consideration.


Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to delete the recitation that the first cylindrical portion comprises a piston for consistency with the remaining recitations in the claims and in the claims which depend therefrom.

Allowance of claims 1, 3-9, 12, 16, and 17 is courteously solicited.

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